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- 1. EMBASSY REQUEST TO ENCOURAGE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION TO OFFER INVITATION TO SPAIN TO ATTEND UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING IN AUSTRALIA WAS PASSED ON TO IWC CHAIRMAN BOLLEN (REF B).
- 2. INFORMATION ON SPANISH WHALING FIGURES ARE MOST USEFUL, UNCLASSIFIED

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BUT CLARIFICATION IS NEEDED ON 138 "BALLENAS" TAKEN MAYDEC 1976MENTIONED IN PARA 2 OF REF A. ARE THESE FIN OR SEI WHALES?

3. FYI:

IN RESPONSE FOR LATEST ASSESSMENT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING PROVISIONS OF THE PELLY AMENDMENT AGAINST GOS, NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE SEES NO IMMEDIATE

POSSIBILITY OF SUCH ACTION. THE IWC QUOTA FOR SPERM WHALES WHICH CAN BE TAKEN IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC IS PRESENTLY LARGE ENOUGH TO INCLUDE THE SPANISH TAKE, EVEN THOUGH SPAIN IS NOT AN IWC MEMBER. SOME CONCERN SHOULD BE NOTED FOR 138 "BALLENAS" MENTIONED IN PARA 1 ABOVE. IWC FIGURES SHOW 1974 SPANISH CATCH FOR FIN WHALES WAS LESS THAN 60, AND THIS 1976 FIGURE APPEARS TO SHOW A

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE, IF "BALLENAS" REFERS TO FIN WHALES. CHRISTOPHER

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